

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 132 (Substitute for House Bill No. 12 by Representatives Quezaire and Salter)

BY REPRESENTATIVES QUEZAIRE, SALTER, AND LAMBERT

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method for certain transportation projects

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:250.4, relative to contracts let by the Department of Transportation and
3 Development; to authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to
4 utilize the design-build method to construct transportation projects under certain
5 circumstances; to provide for certain requirements; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 48:250.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §250.4. Design-build contracts; hurricane-impacted areas

10 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the secretary of the Department of
11 Transportation and Development, with approval of the House and Senate
12 Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committees, may utilize the design-
13 build method on any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a
14 hurricane, including those areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by
15 increased population and traffic as a result of a hurricane. In selecting a design-build
16 entity for any project authorized by this Section, the department shall comply with
17 the provisions of R.S. 48:250.3.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

- 1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane.

Present law authorizes the secretary of DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Present law limits the department to utilizing the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), including approach structures and connecting roadways, and one additional project selected by the secretary; however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes the department to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including those areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic as a result of a hurricane.

Proposed law provides that in selecting a design-build entity for any project authorized by proposed law, the department must comply with the provisions of R.S. 48:250.3, relative to the qualifications of design-build entities, public announcement procedures, letters of interest, the selection of a short list, bid proposals by competitors, a technical review committee, and the selection and process of award.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 48:250.4)

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Requires DOTD to comply with the provisions of R.S. 48:250.3 in selecting a design-build entity.
2. Provides for an emergency effective date.